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In re Application of	:	
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Application No.: 10/580,050	:	
PCT No.: PCT/US2004/039333	:	DECISION ON
Int. Filing Date: 19 November 2004	:	
Priority Date: 19 November 2003	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket No.: PP021454.0004	:	
For: METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.181
TREATING, PREVENTING AND	:	
DIAGNOSING BUNYAVIRUS	:	
INFECTION	:	

This decision is in response to applicant's Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 27 May 2009.

BACKGROUND

On 18 February 2009, the Office mailed Notice to Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (Form PCT/DO/EO/922). The notice set a two month period for reply with extensions of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

On 20 March 2009, applicants responded to the Notice.

On 14 May 2009, the Office mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) indicating that the application went abandoned for failure to timely reply to the Sequence Listing requirement.

On 27 May 2009, applicants filed this petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

DISCUSSION

The Notification of Abandonment mailed 14 May 2009, issued in error and is hereby vacated. The Office is in receipt of applicants' response to the notice to comply with the sequence listing requirements and the CRF was entered.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 14 May 2009 is **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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